



# Brownfields 2003 Grant Fact Sheet

## *Garland, TX*

### EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

### Community Description

The City of Garland was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. The city is a moderately to heavily industrialized city with extensive industrially zoned areas concentrated in the East and the Southwest Areas of the city. Former chemical manufacturing, metal finishing, and petroleum- and chemical-distributor sites typify the Southwest Area. Past municipal waste landfill practices and the lack of environmental assessment data have deterred developer interest in redeveloping the East Area properties during the last 20 years. Although Garland's average poverty rate is only seven percent, the East Area has a



### Assessment Grant

New  
2003

*\$200,000 for hazardous substances*

EPA has selected the City of Garland for a brownfields assessment grant. The city plans to inventory and rank all potential brownfields sites in the city and conduct full environmental assessments on as many sites as possible in the East and Southwest Areas of the city. Grant funds also will be used to involve the community in the sustainable reuse of the sites, which will help prevent the creation of future brownfields.

### Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

EPA Region 6 Brownfields Team  
214-665-6735  
<http://www.epa.gov/earth1r6/6sf/bfpages/sfbfhome.htm>

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972-205-3454

Prior to receipt of these funds in fiscal year 2003, the City of Garland has not received brownfields grant funding.

The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

74 percent minority population and the poverty rate is 21 percent. The city will work with a range of community-based organizations to involve citizens in the brownfields inventory and ranking process.